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Historical & Architectural Review Committee

Minutes

March 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Laboray called the meeting of HARC to Order on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 5:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE / ROLL CALL

Members Present were: Ron Laboray, Paula Hagnauer, Terry Pierce, Kim King and Henry Gabriel.
Excused absence: Eric Hill.

Also present were: Alderman Dan McDowell, Assistant City Attorney Laura Andrews, Zoning Administrator Steve Willaredt and Jon Ferry, Economic Development Director.

MINUTES & AGENDA

A motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting and the Agenda for this evening was made by Terry Pierce and seconded by Kim King. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

CHAIR COMMENTS

The Chair thanked those in attendance for coming and introduced the Petitioner whose request is being heard this evening. He stated HARC is a recommending body to the City Council and they will have the final determination at the next Council meeting scheduled the first week in April (April 4, 2011).

PETITIONER :

Donna Harper
1947 Delmar Avenue
Children's Resale Shop
D-1 District

Donna introduced herself and stated she wishes to operate a Children's Re-sale Shop at 1947 Delmar Avenue in a building owned by Michael Moore. Her proposed business will be the sale of pre-owned baby and young children's clothing and toys. She stated she will acquire merchandise directly from individuals and from Craig's List on the internet. The Petitioner distributed the following for HARC's review:

1. Blueprint of the interior of the building and indicated the area where her shop would be located.
2. Photos of merchandise she presently has in stock.
3. Exhibited several infant and baby outfits that are a part of her inventory.
4. Business mission statement (Attachment A, available upon request).
5. Brochure from *Lito* featuring new clothing; Christening outfits and formal children wear.

When asked how much of the new clothing she would keep in stock, Ms. Harper replied, just a few. She said most of her inventory would pre-owned merchandise.

Discussion followed. The Chair reiterated the location is in the D-1 Arts and Entertainment District. The Assistant City Attorney said according to Article 15, a resale, or pre-owned clothing store, is not a permitted use in the Arts and Entertainment District.

The Commission explained to Ms. Harper how HARC was established and how it is made up with several Districts within the downtown area.

The Chair stated, especially in the Arts and Entertainment District, it is of crucial importance to be focused and very firm with the guidelines that have been established.

The Chair called for further questions or comments from the Board. None voiced.

The Assistant City Attorney asked the Petitioner if she had anything more to show, or say, to the Commission. Nothing more voiced or shown.

The Chair thanked Ms. Harper for her presentation. Terry Pierce mentioned Steve's office (Inspections, Building and Zoning) can provide the Petitioner a list of HARC Districts and the permitted uses within.

MOTION Paula Hagnauer and seconded by Kim King to approve the petition to allow a Children's Resale Shop at 1947 Delmar Avenue. Roll Call vote. All Noes. Motion Denied.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Willaredt agreed to send a letter to Mike Moore, owner of 1947 Delmar Avenue, notifying him that he must appear before HARC with any changes to his original petition, that he cannot simply add a new business establishment.

Jon Ferry announced he attended the recent, newly established, Downtown Business Association meeting. The group is trying to promote the downtown area and businesses. Their present focus is the aesthetics of downtown. They are interested in forming a team and intend to begin with community "Paint Days". The Association suggested a member of HARC be on the team. The Chair enthusiastically agreed with the concept of the Association and suggested they submit a list of recommendations, or plans, to HARC. The entire Commission will work with the Association on theme and color. The Commission agreed that would be better than having one spokesperson representing HARC.

The Chair brought up Tim Elliot's vacancy and recommended Jennifer Flores, APO Art Gallery, as his replacement. He said, of course, any member can make recommendations. He further stated this evening is his last HARC meeting. He has taken a position at Western Carolina University (Co-Ordinator and Director of Painting & Drawing) and will be moving in July. Thus, creating two vacancies.

The Chairman's second recommendation is William Jackson. Mr. Jackson is 43 years old, a family man who resides in the downtown area. His family has attended local schools and is active in local Hockey. Mr. Jackson has offered, on many occasions, to help raise funds for downtown art events. He is very interested and supportive of all downtown activities.

The Chair distributed copies of a letter to the Mayor announcing his resignation and his replacement recommendations (Attachment B, available upon request).

Ron then announced he would like to nominate Terry Pierce as the next Chairman and complimented Terry on his direct approach with Petitioners. The Assistant City Attorney stated, according to Article 15, the election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the new year, therefore, by filling the vacancy, Terry will be Chairman until January 2012. Terry accepted the nomination. The Assistant City Attorney called for any objections to electing a new Chairperson today and called for any other nominations and/or discussion. No objections or nominations were voiced.

MOTION by Ron Laboray and seconded by Paula Hagnauer to accept Terry Pierce as Chairman of HARC for the remainder of 2011. Roll Call vote. All ayes. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The Chairman stated his sentiments regarding HARC and downtown are reflected in an article written by him and published in the Suburban Journals, March 16, 2011 issue (Attachment C available upon request).

Alderman Dan McDowell commended Chairman Ron Laboray for his excellent leadership and his stated his vision in establishing HARC has significantly changed the downtown area. Everyone agreed and offered their best wishes for the move and success with change in careers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Zoning Administrator announced Tony's Pizzeria is ready to open for business at 1318 Niedringhaus Avenue (Tony Aiello).

A Motion to Adjourn was by Terry Pierce and seconded by Kim King. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Harkins

Recording Secretary
HARC

**Historical Architecture Review Committee
Advisory Report
March 22, 2011**

**PETITIONER: Donna Harper
Children's Resale Shop
1947 Delmar Avenue**

MOTION by Paula Hagnauer and seconded by Kim King to allow for the establishment of a Children's Resale Shop at 1947 Delmar Avenue. Zoned D-1 Arts and Entertainment District.

Roll Call Vote:

Ron Laboray	No		
Paula Hagnauer	No	Henry Gabriel	No
Kim King	No	Terry Pierce	No

All Noes Motion Denied
